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1. GERMAN AMB TOLD ME AT NATO MEETING JAN 23 THAT HE HAD BEEN CALLED INTO FONOFF THIS WEEK AND READ PAPER COMPLAINING ABOUT ACTIVITIES OF HUNGARIAN "ILLEGAL EMIGRANTS" IN GERMANY, ESPECIALLY MUNICH. PAPER SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO RFE, AS WELL AS TO SEVERAL HUNGARIAN-LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS AND RECENT TV PROGRAM ABOUT MINDSZENTY. FRG AMB BELIEVED THE PAPER CAME FROM THE PARTY RATHER THAN THE FONMIN.

2. UK AMB SAID HE HAD HAD SIMILAR EXPERIENCE LAST FALL WHEN COMPLAINTS MADE ABOUT THREE BOOKS PUBLISHED IN UK, INCLUDING NEW BIO ON KADAR, AND ABOUT PUBLISHING OF EXCERPTS OF MINDSZENTY MEMOIRS.

3. VISITING CANADIAN HEAD OF EE DIVISION SAID FONMIN OFFICIALS HAD BEEN VERYNEGATIVE ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF EXPANSION OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION DURING HIS TALKS IN LAST DAY OR TWO.

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